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SUBJ: ALGERIAN CANDIDACY FOR UNIDO DIRECTORSHIP

1. SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM STRESSED TO AMBASSADOR BENNETT NOVEMBER 13 PRESSURES HE IS UNDER FROM ALGERIANS FOR POST OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNIDO. ALGERIANS HAVE A CANDIDATE, A. R. LAMINE KHENE, AND HAVE BEEN PERSISTENTLY PRESSING HIS VIRTUES ON WALDHEIM. WALDHEIM SAID PERUVIANS WERE MAINTAINING CANDIDACY OF FERNANDINI, AND THIS HAS LATIN AMERICAN SUPPORT, ALTHOUGH EVERYONE AGREES FERNANDINI HAS VERY LITTLE TO OFFER AND WOULD PREDICTABLY BE A WEAK ADMINISTRATOR. DURING CONVERSATION WALDHEIM DENIED THAT HE HAD EVER COMMITTED HIMSELF IRREVOCABLY TO LATIN AMERICAN THESIS THAT UNIDO JOB IS THEIRS BY RIGHT. WALDHEIM SAID ALGERIAN PRESSURE HAS PUT HIM IN A DILEMMA. IT SEEMED APPARENT THAT, CAUGHT BETWEEN ALGERIAN DETERMINATION AND THE KNOWLEDGE OF A WEAK LATIN AMERICAN CANDIDATE, HE IS NOW LEANING TOWARD SELECTION OF ALGERIAN AS NEXT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNIDO.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION WE HAVE HEARD THAT KHENE IS BEING CONSIDERED AS THE NEW ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON, WHICH MAY PUT HIM OUT OF THE RUNNING FOR THE UNIDO JOB. HOWEVER IN THAT EVENTUALITY, WE HAVE
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